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DEPARTED THE AREA. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HE COULD FURNISH ONLY VAGUE DESCRIPTIONS OF PERSONS SEEN
CLOSELY BY HIM AND NO CONVERSATION WAS INVOLVED [REDACTED]

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FOLLOWED THROUGH NEWSPAPERS SOME OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE HUGHES
DEPARTURE FROM LAS VEGAS AND BELIEVED [REDACTED]

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THE DEPARTURE OF HUGHES FROM LAS VEGAS.

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AT THE PRESENT TIME IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT HE HAS READ CONCERNING THE DEPARTURE AND SUBSEQUENT COURT HEARING HE BELIEVES THAT CALL FOR SOMEONE TO BE NAMED OR NYLAND MAY HAVE COME FROM HUGHES AND MAY HAVE BEEN A REQUEST FOR HELP.

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[REDACTED] ON INTERVIEW ADVISED THAT HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE EVENTS TO WHICH [REDACTED] OTHER THAN THAT FURNISHED HIM BY [REDACTED] HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS FROM PERSONS REPRESENTING THEMSELVES AS BEING WITH HUGHES CO. WHICH HE BELIEVED WERE PRELIMINARY TO POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT WITH THE COMPANY. HOWEVER, AFTER HAVING BEEN TOLD OF [REDACTED] IN THIS MATTER HE BELIEVED THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI. b7/d

IT IS NOTED THAT FROM THE DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] IT APPEARS THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] WHO IS KNOWN TO BE [REDACTED] EMPLOYED IN THE PERSONAL OFFICES OF HUGHES.

ORAL STATEMENTS BEING REDUCED TO WRITTEN STATEMENTS AND SIGNED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. INQUIRIES CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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SLIP(S) OF close
DATE 11-5-81 PMS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (82-6078) (RUC)
SUBJECT: HOWARD HUGHES
INFORMATION CONCERNING
MISSING PERSON

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Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Las Vegas, 12/18/70.

Enclosed for the Las Vegas Office and Salt Lake
City Office are nine and one copies respectively of FD-302s
reflecting interviews with [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

It is further noted that the original plans to move
HUGHES from Las Vegas to the Bahamas basically followed the
story as given by [redacted] and his assistant
[redacted] were privy to these original plans. The actual
plans were changed at the last minute without the knowledge
of [redacted] and with the knowledge of only the staff
members on duty at the time.

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- 1 - Las Vegas (Enc. 63)
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- 1 - Miami

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Miller, E.S.	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Dalbey	✓
Mr. Cleveland	✓
Mr. Ponder	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Soyars	✓
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Miss Gandy	✓

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM LAS VEGAS 62-362

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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HOWARD HUGHES, REQUEST OF STATE OF NEVADA FOR FBI LABORATORY
AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION SERVICES, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

PHILIP HANNIFIN, CHAIRMAN, GAMING CONTROL BOARD, NEVADA,
ACTING WITH CONCURRENCE OF GOVERNOR MICHAEL O'CALLAGHAN, NEVADA,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC, LAS VEGAS, TODAY. HANNIFIN STATED
THE STATE WAS RECENTLY IN RECEIPT OF A HANDWRITTEN LETTER
PURPORTEDLY FROM HOWARD HUGHES. THE PURPOSE OF THE LETTER WAS
AUTHENTICATE HUGHES APPROVAL OF THE CURRENT TOP EXECUTIVES RUNNING
HIS NEVADA OPERATION AND ALSO TO ESTABLISH HIS OWN PHYSICAL AND
MENTAL WELL-BEING.

HANNIFIN INDICATED THE STATE IS DESPERATELY ATTEMPTING TO
AUTHENTICATE THE LETTER OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO PROVE IT IS A
FORGERY. HE URGENTLY REQUESTED THE EXPEDITIOUS SERVICES OF THE
FBI LABORATORY AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IN THIS RESPECT,

POINTING OUT THAT THEY CURRENTLY DO NOT KNOW WHERE ELSE THEY CAN
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OBTAIN RELIABLE EXAMINATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS. MANIFIS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THE LETTER BE PROCESSED FOR THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS OF HOWARD HUGHES. HE ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE ONE AND ONE THIRD PAGE LETTER WRITTEN IN LONGHAND ON YELLOW LEGAL TYPE STATIONERY BE AFFORDED HANDWRITING EXAMINATION AND COMPARISON WITH UNCHALLENGED SPECIMENS TO DETERMINE ITS VALIDITY. MANIFIS STATED THAT THE STATE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE MATERIAL FOR EXAMINATION HAND CARRIED TO WASHINGTON, D. C., BY A STATE OFFICIAL IN THE INTERESTS OF UTMOST SECURITY AND EXPEDITING THE MATTER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, HUGHES HAS REFUSED TO MAKE ANY PERSONAL APPEARANCES SINCE HE CAME TO THE STATE OF NEVADA IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR LAU SUIT AGAINST HUGHES, ROBERT HANEY, FORMER HEAD OF HUGHES NEVADA OPERATIONS, IS ATTEMPTING TO LEGALLY FORCE HUGHES' APPEARANCE FOR EITHER TESTIMONY OR DEPOSITION. LIKEWISE GAMING AUTHORITIES IN NEVADA RECENTLY REQUESTED EITHER A PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY HUGHES OR A PERSONAL, HANDWRITTEN LETTER ACCOMPANIED BY FINGERPRINTS. THE LETTER

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REFERRED TO ABOVE WAS FURNISHED TO THE STATE BY HUGHES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PROPOSAL, HOWEVER, NO FINGERPRINT IMPRESSIONS WERE ATTACHED.

I TOLD HANNIFIN THAT FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF THE FBI LABORATORY AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION WERE AVAILABLE TO DULY CONSTITUTED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON THE STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL LEVEL IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF A CRIMINAL NATURE. I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT I FELT THE CURRENT REQUEST WAS IN THE NATURE OF A CIVIL MATTER AND ACCORDINGLY COULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE FBI. HANNIFIN REQUESTED THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE DIRECTOR IN VIEW OF ITS EXTREME URGENCY TO THE STATE OF NEVADA, IN THE HOPE THAT AN EXCEPTION COULD BE MADE ^{DE} IN THIS CASE. I TOLD HIM THIS WOULD BE DONE, HOWEVER, I WAS RECOMMENDING AGAINST ACTION BY THE BUREAU IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE STATED GUIDELINES.

SINCE HIS MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE FROM NEVADA IN LATE NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTY, EDWARD HUGHES HAS BEEN FRONT PAGE NEWS ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS. THE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST HIM BY ROBERT

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MAKER IS STILL PENDING AND THE STATE IS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE THE LICENSING OF CERTAIN OF HUGHES' TOP EXECUTIVES UNTIL THEY CAN BE ASSURED THAT HUGHES IS ACTUALLY ALIVE AND COMPETENT TO EITHER DIRECT OR DELEGATE THE OPERATION OF HIS NEVADA INTERESTS. HAND-WRITING OF HUGHES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF EXPERT CONTROVERSY DURING THE MAKER - HUGHES LITIGATION.

IN VIEW OF ALL OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES I FEEL THIS BUREAU SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE HUGHES MATTER IN THE ABSENCE OF AN INDICATION OF A SPECIFIC VIOLATION WITHIN OUR JURISDICTION.

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU

HACB, NO FURTHER ACTION IS BEING TAKEN IN THIS MATTER AND HANNIFIN IS ASSUMING NO EXCEPTION CAN BE MADE TO HIS REQUEST UNLESS HE IS OTHERWISE ADVISED.

BEING FURNISHED BUREAU FOR INFORMATION.

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CC: Mr. Bishop

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SUBJECT _____ Howard Robard Hughes

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TO SAC NEW YORK

1 - Mr. Nehrbass

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, AKA HOWARD R. HUGHES, MAIL FRAUD.

REBUTELCALL TO NEW YORK JANUARY TWENTY SIX INSTANT.

THIS WILL CONFIRM THE FACT THAT JOHN C. KEENEY, CHIEF,

CRIMINAL FRAUD SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS ADVISED IN VIEW OF POST OFFICE CURRENT INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER NO INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI IS DESIRED AND ANY INFORMATION COMING TO OUR ATTENTION SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE POST OFFICE.

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- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
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- Mr. Cleveland
- Mr. Frazier
- Mr. Gandy
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- Mr. Rosen
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- Mr. Trotter
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1/26/72

TO LEGATS BERN
PARIS

1 - Mr. Nehrbass

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

1 - Foreign Liaison
Desk

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HELGA HUGHES, ITSP

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RE LEGAT BERN CABLEGRAM JANUARY TWENTY TWO INSTANT.

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TO DIRECTOR MR. **WIS** LEGAT BERN
FROM LEGAT PARIS

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[Signature]

UNSUB, AKA MELBA ^DHUGHES, FRAUD IN AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, COMMITTED MAY - DECEMBER, NINETEEN SEVENTYONE, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND; MC GRAY-HILL, VICTIM. PFC.

RE BERN CABLE, JANUARY TWENTYTWO LAST.

NO LISTING FOR MELBA HUGHES IN ALPHABETICAL OR STREET ADDRESS TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR RUE DU BAC, PARIS.

NO FURTHER INQUIRY IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC REQUEST. RUC.

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MR. DAY

January 25, 1972

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Handwritten notes on the left margin, including a circled 'C' and '3/4'.

Honorable H. R. Haldeman
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT
AKA HOWARD R. HUGHES
UNKNOWN SUBJECT
AKA MELGA O. HUGHES

Dear Mr. Haldeman:

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As you are well aware, the news media have recently been carrying various stories pertaining to the authenticity of an alleged biography of Howard R. Hughes to be published by McGraw-Hill and "Life" magazine.

Information has come to my attention to indicate that McGraw-Hill has now concluded that the entire matter is a complete hoax and that the company has been swindled for the copies paid out.

McGraw-Hill had placed reliance on certain documents furnished by Clifford Irving, author of the allegedly approved biography, which had been subjected to handwriting examination by the company. Once the ominous possibility of fraud and forgery had surfaced, McGraw-Hill submitted the documents for further, and more careful, examination which gave definite evidence that they were fraudulent. Additionally, comparison of known fingerprints of Mr. Hughes on a fingerprint card obtained from the Nevada Gaming Commission with latent prints developed on the documents determined that none of them belonged to Mr. Hughes.

Investigation conducted by McGraw-Hill has now led them to believe that the documents were prepared by an international art forger by the name of

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Honorable H. R. Haldeman

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De Hory and the investigation by that company is now being directed toward the development of that information.

I thought this information would be of interest to the President and you.

Sincerely yours,

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JOHN P. MALONE

New York, N. Y.
January 21, 1972

Dear Mr. Hoover:

[redacted] who is [redacted] stopped by the office this afternoon and related the following information which I thought would be of interest to you:

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[redacted] McGraw Hill in connection with the publication of the Hughes autobiography, and confidentially advised that they have now concluded that it is a complete hoax and they have been taken for \$750,000.

He stated that they had relied on a large number of documents which had been supplied to them by Clifford Irving, the author, which ostensibly had been written by Hughes. They had backed up this information by having a handwriting examination made of these documents, the conclusion of which was that they were authentic. Since their doubts have been raised, however, they have retained other experts in whom they have greater confidence and have been advised that the documents are fraudulent.

They were able to obtain a fingerprint card for Hughes from the Nevada Gaming Commission and have had all these documents treated for latent fingerprints. He states that several hundred latents were developed, none of which belonged to Hughes. Their investigation now leads them to believe that an international art forger by the name of Dehory, very likely prepared these fraudulent documents and their investigation is proceeding in that direction.

Dehory

In connection with the \$750,000 worth of checks which were negotiated at a Swiss bank, they have approached the Swiss bank where they were cashed and were advised that Hughes has no account there. They are attempting to determine who obtained the funds.

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JOHN F. MALONE

Needless to say, the McGraw Hill and Life Magazine people are not proud of their being duped in this regard, and they are questioning what steps they will take which could lead to public revelation of their naivete. b7D

I am in touch [REDACTED] from time to time, and if any additional information of interest develops I will pass it along to you.

Sincerely,

J. F. Malone

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Author Is Said to Suspect He Was Duped on Hughes

Lawyer Says Irving Leans to Theory That 'Gang of 6 to 8,' Including an Impostor, Tricked Him Into Book

By DOUGLAS ROBINSON

The attorney for Clifford Irving, the novelist who claims to have compiled an autobiography of Howard R. Hughes, said yesterday that he and his client were "leaning" to a theory that the novelist had been a victim of a hoax by a "gang of six to eight people."

The attorney, Martin S. Ackerman, said in a telephone interview that such a hoax would have had to involve an actor who impersonated Mr. Hughes and "two master forgers" able to duplicate the handwriting of the industrialist.

In addition to Mr. Ackerman's theory, there were the following other developments yesterday in the deepening mystery.

Attorneys for the Hughes interests gave the State Supreme Court here the transcript of a letter, reputed to be from a Swiss bank, saying that Mr. Hughes never cashed or deposited checks from McGraw-Hill.

The same attorneys also filed a two-page typewritten questionnaire bearing what purported to be Mr. Hughes's handwritten answers describing as "forgeries" the autobiographical materials to have been published by McGraw-Hill. Each page was signed "Howard R. Hughes" and each page bore fingerprints that a supporting affidavit described as authentic Hughes fingerprints.

Zurich banking sources said that the "H. R. Hughes" who opened an account at the Swiss Credit Bank was a German-speaking blonde woman who used a forged Swiss passport as identification.

The alleged autobiography of

Mr. Hughes was planned for publication by McGraw-Hill and Life magazine, a subsidiary of Time Inc., and was based on material that Mr. Irving said he had collected in what he described as 100 secret meetings with the eccentric industrialist.

On Thursday, both McGraw-Hill and Life announced they would defer publication of the Hughes material pending the outcome of an investigation into the disputed Swiss bank account said to be that of Mr. Hughes.

Three checks totaling \$650,000 were assertedly paid to Mr. Irving, who became suspicious that the account opened by Mr. Irving.

Hughes in payment for the material given to Mr. Irving.

In an affidavit filed in court, Mr. Irving has said that he personally delivered two checks to Mr. Hughes. The third check, he said in the affidavit, was given by him to a man he identified as George Gordon Holmes, whom he said he knew as a "trusted and bona fide associate of Mr. Hughes."

For his part, Mr. Hughes, or a voice identified by newsmen who knew him as being that of Mr. Hughes, said in a telephone interview Jan. 7 that he did not know Mr. Irving and never received any money from McGraw-Hill.

Aides to the industrialist said last week that they had asked the Internal Revenue Service in a letter to make an investigation of where the funds went.

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3 Theories Developed

In the interview yesterday, Mr. Ackerman, the attorney for Mr. Irving, said that he and the novelist "have developed three theories."

The first theory he described as the "loyal servant theory" in which an employe of Mr. Hugh opened the account in the Swiss bank. The second theory, he said, concerned an "imposter." The third, he went on, would have Mr. Irving as the imposter. "We've rejected the last theory and lean toward the second," he said.

Mr. Ackerman said, "You'd have to have a gang of six to eight people involved, including two masters forgers and an actor 6 feet 3 inches tall who weighed 120 pounds."

"Then you'd have to have someone who bankrolled it and someone who did the research," he went on. "Someone paid for the travel. A gang that clever would not be doing it for just a couple of hundred thousand dollars."

Knew of Bank Letter

Mr. Ackerman said that, under his theory, two master forgers would have been necessary because "one man 6 foot 3 inches tall wrote two letters in front of Cliff—the other forger would be the one to sign the name to the letter."

The attorney said that he and his client had known the letter was coming from the Swiss bank, saying that Mr. Hughes had never cashed or deposited McGraw-Hill checks. And he said he did not dis-

"We further confirm that the account No. 320496 at our bank is not held, nor has it every [sic] been held, by such Mr. Howard R. Hughes."

The bank account number referred to in the transcript of the letter was furnished to Hughes attorneys in the affidavit filed by Mr. Irving in describing yet another check that he said Mr. Hughes gave him, to be returned to McGraw-

Presented by Judge

Both the transcript and the two-page questionnaire were presented to State Supreme Court Justice Gerald P. Culklin at a hearing involving a suit aimed to halt the further distribution of a second book purporting to contain authorized material about Mr. Hughes.

The two-page typewritten questionnaire, according to an accompanying affidavit, was personally handed to Mr. Hughes by an aide who identified himself as Levar Myler, an employe of the Hughes Tool Company who said he had been in "close contact" with Mr. Hughes for "more than 20 years."

Says He Watched Hughes

Mr. Myler said in his affidavit that he had given the

(1) Certified check on Bankers Trust Company, No. 16561, dated April 15, 1971, order H. R. Hughes in the amount of \$50,000;

(2) Check by McGraw-Hill, Inc., No. 110866, dated Sept. 22, 1971, in the amount of \$275,000 drawn on the Chase Manhattan Bank, order H. R. Hughes;

(3) Check by McGraw-Hill, Inc., No. 111112, dated Dec. 2, 1971, in the amount of \$325,000 drawn on the Chase Manhattan Bank, order H. R. Hughes

were not cashed by Mr. Howard R. Hughes the owner of the Hughes Tool Company of Houston, Tex., U.S.A., nor were they credited to an account of such Mr. H. R. Hughes, at our bank. We count the possibility that the account had been opened by an employe of Mr. Hughes.

The transcript of the letter from the Swiss Credit Bank was addressed to Dr. Hans Huessey, a Swiss lawyer employed by the Hughes interests. His contacts were telephoned to New York early yesterday. The transcript read as follows:

"We, Swiss Credit Bank, Zurich, herewith confirm that the following checks:

paper containing 12 questions to Mr. Hughes at the request of Chester C. Davis, general counsel to Hughes Tool and Mr. Hughes's personal attorney.

The affidavit also said that Mr. Myler had personally observed Mr. Hughes writing the answers and had watched as the industrialist put the fingerprints of his left hand on the first sheet and those of his right hand on the second.

The questionnaire was also accompanied by an affidavit by James J. Falihee, who described himself as technical director of Faurot, Inc., 299 Broadway, a company said to be engaged in "crime detection and identification equipment."

Mr. Falihee, who said he had been a member of the New York City Police Department for 22 years assigned as a technician in the police crime laboratory, identified the fingerprints as those of Mr. Hughes after comparing them with those already on file on a Federal document.

The questionnaire, with the answers in a spidery handwriting, contained such questions as, "Did you at any time authorize McGraw-Hill or Clifford Irving or anyone other than Rosemont [the company set up by Mr. Hughes to act as a repository for autobiographical materials] to publish your autobiography or biography or any material relating to you? (This does not relate to copyrighted magazine articles you permitted to be published prior to 1960.)"

The answer said: "No. I would like to see these forgeries."

The questionnaire also posed this query: "When is the last time you personally endorsed a check for any reason?"

"More than 10 years ago," was the scrawled reply.

Denies Giving Instructions

Another query asked, "Did you ever give McGraw-Hill, Clifford Irving or anyone else instructions of any kind relating to the publication of anything concerning you?"

The answer was "Absolutely

Meaning informed of the transcript of the letter from the Swiss bank to the Hughes interests confirming that the industrialist had never cashed or deposited the checks, the McGraw-Hill Book Company and Life magazine issued the following joint statement:

"Of course we are aware of these facts, but the matter is a complicated one. As we said yesterday, we have initiated an action with the Swiss regulatory authorities in an effort to resolve complex questions concerning the identity of the holder of the bank account at the Swiss Credit Bank. Until that investigation produces additional information, we can have no comment on the matter."

In still another development, Justice Culklin in State Supreme Court barred further distribution of a book entitled "My Life and Opinions," a purported life story of Mr. Hughes edited by Robert P. Eaton, a novelist who was the sixth husband of Lana Turner, the actress.

The suit seeking a temporary injunction was filed by Rosemont Enterprises, Inc., the Hughes-established company. Representing Rosemont were Mr. Davis and David I. Shvitz of the law firm of Halperin, Shvitz, Schoier and Steingut of 11 East 44th Street.

Justice Culklin told Rosemont lawyers that he would take no action on a motion to enjoin publication of the book permanently until Rosemont posted a \$35,000 bond and obtained an affidavit from Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Davis told the court that

he would have such an affidavit from Mr. Hughton within 48 hours."

The Eaton book, published by Best Books Press, a subsidiary of Hippocrene Books, Inc., went on sale last Thursday. A spokesman for the concern said that 20,000 copies of the book had already been distributed to bookstores.

The forward to the book, written by Mr. Eaton, appeared in the February issue of the Ladies' Home Journal and described how the author reputedly met periodically with Mr. Hughes over a 13-year period.

The suit brought by Rosemont also sought to bar distribution of the magazine, but attorneys for the publication successfully showed that copies were already on their way to subscribers and in distribution channels before the court suit was filed.

7. Did you receive or authorize anyone else to receive any money directly or indirectly from McGraw-Hill or Clifford Irving for the publication of anything by you or concerning you or for anything else?

No

8. When is the last time you personally endorsed a check for any reason?

*More than 10 years ago
Howard R. Hughes*

EXHIBIT "1"

Part of questionnaire, with fingerprints, filed by lawyers for Howard R. Hughes interests

Swiss Link Woman To 'Hughes' Funds

By CLYDE H. FARNSWORTH
Special to The New York Times

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 21

The "H. R. Hughes" who opened an account in the Swiss Credit Bank here was not the idiosyncratic billionaire but a German-speaking blonde in her early thirties who used a forged Swiss passport as identification, Swiss banking sources said today.

The sources also said that she had opened the account with \$50,000. Subsequently, \$650,000 was withdrawn, the sources said.

The sources said they were able to state that "H. R. Hughes" was a woman because Swiss Credit Bank kept a written description of a "people who personally opened new accounts."

The sources were able to clear up one of the mysteries surrounding "The Autobiography of Howard Hughes," the book allegedly about the recluse industrialist that McGraw-Hill, Inc., was planning to publish. The information became available after the big Zurich bank became suspicious that the account opened by "H. R. Hughes" had been used to perpetrate a fraud.

Normally Swiss banks go to great lengths to protect their clients under the rigorous 1934 banking code, which makes betrayal of banking secrets a prison offense.

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January 31, 1972

PERSONAL ATTENTION
BY MESSENGER

Dear Johnnie:

With reference to our conversation of last week concerning Howard R. Hughes, I am enclosing herewith copies of the fingerprints and signature of Hughes as reflected in our Identification Division files.

So far, I have received no instructions from the Department to proceed on any investigation of the Hughes situation nor have I received the letter which has been referred to in the press from Switzerland requesting the Bureau to interview Irving, the alleged author of the Hughes biography.

I will keep you advised of any new developments.

It was indeed good to see you and I hope our paths may cross frequently in the near future.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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Honorable Johnnie M. Walters
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20224

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MEMO TO DIRECTOR:
RE: HOWARD HUGHES

Attached are photographic copies of the 3 original prints of Howard Hughes sent you earlier. Also attached is microfilm copy of 1 additional civil print (1942 Federal Communications Commission submission) found on search of microfilm records. (This is best copy that can be made of a microfilmed print.)

Also, approximately 400 references to Hughes in Bureau files were checked. No signatures or handwriting were found.

W. Mark Felt

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Mr. John F. Malone
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Malone:

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HOWARD R. HUGHES *sk*

Thank you for your letter of January 21st - 4

furnishing the information relating to the current controversy over Howard Hughes. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in bringing this to my attention and, for your information, I have sent this data to both the White House and the Attorney General.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: [redacted] is [redacted] By communications of same date, above information being furnished to Attorney General and Honorable H. R. Haldeman, Assistant to the President.

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JOHN F. MALONE

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

HOWARD R. HUGHES

[redacted] who is [redacted] stopped by the office this afternoon and related the following information which I thought would be of interest to you:

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[redacted] McGraw Hill in connection with the publication of the Hughes autobiography, and confidentially advised that they have now concluded that it is a complete hoax and they have been taken for \$750,000.

He stated that they had relied on a large number of documents which had been supplied to them by Clifford Irving, the author, which ostensibly had been written by Hughes. They had backed up this information by having a handwriting examination made of these documents, the conclusion of which was that they were authentic. Since their doubts have been raised, however, they have retained other experts in whom they have greater confidence and have been advised that the documents are fraudulent.

Howard Hughes

They were able to obtain a fingerprint card for Hughes from the Nevada Gaming Commission and have had all these documents treated for latent fingerprints. He states that several hundred latents were developed, none of which belonged to Hughes. Their investigation now leads them to believe that an international art forger by the name of Dehory very likely prepared these fraudulent documents and their investigation is proceeding in that direction.

DeHory (?)

In connection with the \$750,000 worth of checks which were negotiated at a Swiss bank, they have approached the Swiss bank where they were cashed and were advised that Hughes has no account there. They are attempting to determine who obtained the funds.

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JOHN F. MALONE

Needless to say, the McGraw Hill and Life Magazine people are not proud of their being duped in this regard, and they are questioning what steps they will take which could lead to public revelation of their naivete.

I am in touch [REDACTED] from time to time, and if any additional information of interest develops I will pass it along to you.

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Sincerely,

J. F. Malone

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Author Is Said to Suspect He Was Duped on Hughes

Lawyer Says Irving Leans to Theory That 'Gang of 6 to 8,' Including an Impostor, Tricked Him Into Book

By DOUGLAS ROBINSON

The attorney for Clifford Irving, the novelist who claims to have compiled an autobiography of Howard R. Hughes, said yesterday that he and his client were "leaning" to a theory that the novelist had been a victim of a hoax by a "gang of six to eight people."

The attorney, Martin S. Ackerman, said in a telephone interview that such a hoax would have had to involve an actor who impersonated Mr. Hughes and "two master forgers" able to duplicate the handwriting of the industrialist.

In addition to Mr. Ackerman's theory, there were the following other developments yesterday in the deepening mystery.

Attorneys for the Hughes interests gave the State Supreme Court here the transcript of a letter, reported to be from a Swiss bank, saying that Mr. Hughes never cashed or deposited checks from McGraw-Hill.

The same attorneys also filed a two-page typewritten questionnaire bearing what purported to be Mr. Hughes's handwritten answers describing as "forgeries" the autobiographical materials to have been published by McGraw-Hill. Each page was signed "Howard R. Hughes" and each page bore fingerprints that a supporting affidavit described as authentic Hughes fingerprints.

Zurich banking sources said that the "H. R. Hughes" who opened an account at the Swiss Credit Bank was a German-speaking Middle Westerner who used a forged Swiss passport for identification.

The alleged autobiography of

Mr. Hughes was planned for publication by McGraw-Hill and Life magazine, a subsidiary of Time Inc., and was based on material that Mr. Irving said he had collected in what he described as 100 secret meetings with the eccentric industrialist.

On Thursday, both McGraw-Hill and Life announced they would defer publication of the Hughes material pending the outcome of an investigation into the disputed Swiss bank account said to be that of Mr. Hughes.

Three checks totaling \$650,000 were assertedly paid to Mr. Irving. He became suspicious that the account opened by Mr. Hughes in payment for the manuscript was to Mr. Irving.

In an affidavit filed in court, Mr. Irving has said that he personally delivered two checks to Mr. Hughes. The third check, he said in the affidavit, was given by him to a man he identified as George Gordon Holmes, whom he said he knew as a "trusted and bona fide associate of Mr. Hughes."

For his part, Mr. Hughes, or a voice identified by newsmen who knew him as being that of Mr. Hughes, said in a telephone interview Jan. 7 that he did not know Mr. Irving and never received any money from McGraw-Hill.

Aides to the industrialist said last week that they had asked the Internal Revenue Service for a letter to make an investigation of what the industrialist

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3 Theories Developed

In the interview yesterday, Mr. Ackerman, the attorney for Mr. Irving, said that he and the novelist "have developed three theories."

The first theory he described is the "loyal servant theory" in which an employe of Mr. Hugh opened the account in the Swiss bank. The second theory, he said, concerned an "imposter." The third, he went on, would have Mr. Irving as the imposter.

"We've rejected the last theory and lean toward the second," he said.

Mr. Ackerman said, "You'd have to have a gang of six to eight people involved, including five masters forgers and an actor 6 feet 3 inches tall who weighed 130 pounds."

"Then you'd have to have someone who bankrolled it and someone who did the research," he went on. "Someone paid for the travel. A gang that clever could not be doing it for just a couple of hundred thousand dollars."

Knew of Bank Letter

Mr. Ackerman said that under his theory, two master forgers would have been necessary because "one man 6 foot 3 inches tall wrote two letters in front of CNY—the other signer would be the one to sign the name to the letter."

The attorney said that he had his client had known the letter was coming from the Swiss bank, saying that Mr. Hughes had never cashed or deposited McGraw-Hill checks. He said he did not know

whether confirm that the account No. 120496 in our bank not hold, nor has it every been held, by such Mr. Howard R. Hughes."

The bank account number referred to in the transcript of the letter was furnished to Hughes attorneys in the affidavit filed by Mr. Irving in describing yet another check. He said Mr. Hughes gave it to be returned to McGraw-

Presented by Justice

BOTH the transcript and the two-page questionnaire were presented to State Supreme Court Justice Gerald P. Cullkin at a hearing involving a suit aimed to halt the further distribution of a second book purporting to contain authorized material about Mr. Hughes.

The two-page typewritten questionnaire, according to an accompanying affidavit, was personally handed to Mr. Hughes by an aide who identified himself as Lovar Myler, an employe of the Hughes Tool Company who said he had been in "close contact" with Mr. Hughes for "more than 20 years."

Says He Watched Hughes

Mr. Myler said in his affidavit that he had given the

(1) Certified check on Bankers Trust Company, No. 16361, dated April 15, 1971, order H. R. Hughes in the amount of \$50,000;

(2) Check by McGraw-Hill, Inc., No. 110866, dated Sept. 22, 1971, in the amount of \$275,000 drawn on the Chase Manhattan Bank, order H. R. Hughes;

(3) Check by McGraw-Hill, Inc., No. 111112, dated Dec. 2, 1971, in the amount of \$325,000 drawn on the Chase Manhattan Bank, order H. R. Hughes.

They were not cashed by Mr. Howard R. Hughes the owner of the Hughes Tool Company of Houston, Tex., U.S.A., nor were they credited to an account of such Mr. H. R. Hughes, at our bank. About the possibility that the account had been opened by an employe of Mr. Hughes.

The transcript of the letter from the Swiss Credit Bank was addressed to Dr. Hans Chesny, a Swiss lawyer engaged by the Hughes interests. Its contents were telephoned to New York early yesterday. The transcript read as follows:

"We, Swiss Credit Bank, Zurich, herewith confirm that the following checks were

presented to the Swiss bank to the Hughes interests confirming that the Industrialist had never cashed or deposited the checks, the McGraw-Hill Book Company and Life magazine issued the following joint statement:

"Of course we are aware of these facts, but the matter is a complicated one. As we said yesterday, we have initiated an action with the Swiss regulatory authorities in an effort to resolve complex questions concerning the identity of the holder of the bank account at the Swiss Credit Bank. Until that investigation produces additional information, we can have no comment on the matter."

In still another development, Justice Cullkin in State Supreme Court barred further distribution of a book entitled "My Life and Opinions," a purported life story of Mr. Hughes edited by Robert P. Easton, a novelist who was the sixth husband of Lana Turner, the actress.

The suit seeking a temporary injunction was filed by Rosemont Enterprises, Inc., the Hughes-established company representing Rosemont were Mr. Davis and David I. Shvitz of the law firm of Halperin, Shvitz, Scholer and Steingut, 211 East 44th Street.

Justice Cullkin told Rosemont lawyers that he would take no action on a motion to enjoin publication of the book permanently until Rosemont posted a \$5,000 bond and obtained an affidavit from Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Davis told the court that

paper containing 22 questions to Mr. Hughes at the request of Chester C. Davis, general counsel to Hughes Tool and Mr. Hughes's personal attorney.

The affidavit also said that Mr. Myler had personally observed Mr. Hughes writing the answers and had watched as the Industrialist put the fingerprints of his left hand on the first sheet and those of his right hand on the second.

The questionnaire was also accompanied by an affidavit by James J. Falihee, who described himself as technical director of Faurot, Inc., 280 Broadway, a company said to be engaged in "crime detection and identification equipment."

Mr. Falihee, who said he had been a member of the New York City Police Department for 22 years assigned as a technician in the police crime laboratory, identified the fingerprints as those of Mr. Hughes after comparing them with those already on file on a Federal document.

The questionnaire, with the answers in a spidery handwriting, contained such questions as, "Did you at any time authorize McGraw-Hill or Clifford Irving or anyone other than Rosemont [the company set up by Mr. Hughes to act as a repository for autobiographical materials] to publish your autobiography or biography or any material relating to you? (This does not relate to copyrighted magazine articles you permitted to be published prior to 1962.)"

The answer said: "No, I would like to see these forgeries."

The questionnaire also posed this query: "When is the last time you personally endorsed a check for any reason?"

"More than 10 years ago," was the scrawled reply.

Deals Giving Instructions

Another query asked, "Did you ever give McGraw-Hill, Clifford Irving or anyone else instructions of any kind relating to the publication of anything concerning you?" The answer was "Absolutely

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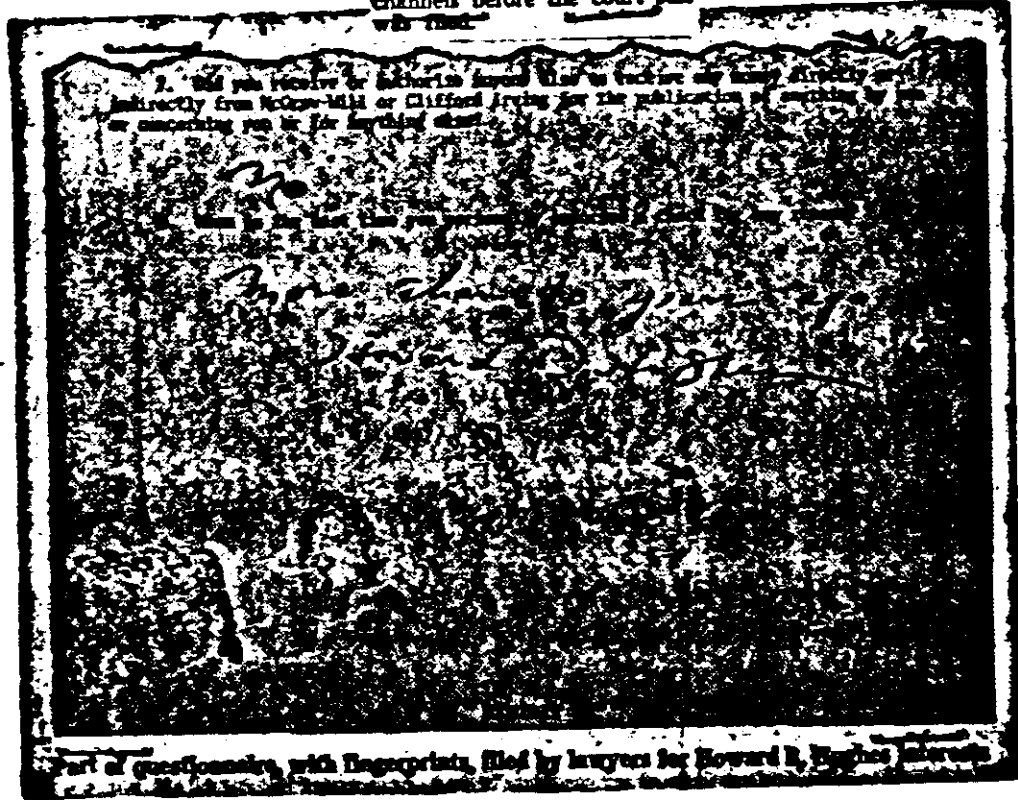
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... would have such an affidavit from Mr. Hughes within 48 hours."

The Eaton book, published by Best Books Press, a subsidiary of Hippocrene Books, Inc., went on sale last Thursday. A spokesman for the concern said that 20,000 copies of the book had already been distributed to bookstores.

The forward to the book, written by Mr. Eaton, appeared in the February issue of the Ladies' Home Journal and described how the author reportedly met periodically with Mr. Hughes over a 13-year period.

The suit brought by Rosemont also sought to bar distribution of the magazine, but attorneys for the publication successfully showed that copies were already on their way to subscribers and in distribution channels before the court suit was filed.



Part of questionnaire, with fingerprints, filed by lawyers for Howard R. Hughes, attorney.

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Swiss Link Woman To 'Hughes' Funds

By CLYDE H. FARNSWORTH
Special to The New York Times

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 21

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erved "Bank robbery in Switzerland is understandably a very serious offense."
In 1962, when Billie Sol Estes was selling nonexistent fertilizer tanks to Texas farmers, the United States Government placed a tax lien on the promoter's assets that were missing. Speculation at the time was that some \$7-million had been funneled by him into Swiss banks, but because it was a tax matter the Swiss would not cooperate.

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

January 26, 1972

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Nehrass
- 1 - Mr. Felt
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Walters

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ALSO KNOWN AS
HOWARD R. HUGHES
FRAUD BY WIRE;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

This will confirm a conversation on January 26, 1972, between Mr. John C. Keeney, Chief, Fraud Section, and Special Agent Arthur F. Nehrass of this Bureau.

Mr. Keeney was contacted to determine whether the Department desired any FBI investigation into the alleged fraud arising out of the current controversy over the authenticity of the biography of Howard Hughes, as purchased by McGraw-Hill.

Mr. Keeney advised that investigation had been instituted several days ago by the United States Postal Service on a mail-fraud theory. In view of the fact that the Postal Service had already assumed investigative responsibility in this matter, Mr. Keeney requested no action be taken by the FBI, but that any information bearing on this matter be referred to Postal authorities.

NOTE: See General Investigative Division Note, 1-26-72, AFN:jak (attached). *New York Office being advised re above.*

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TO : Mr. Bates

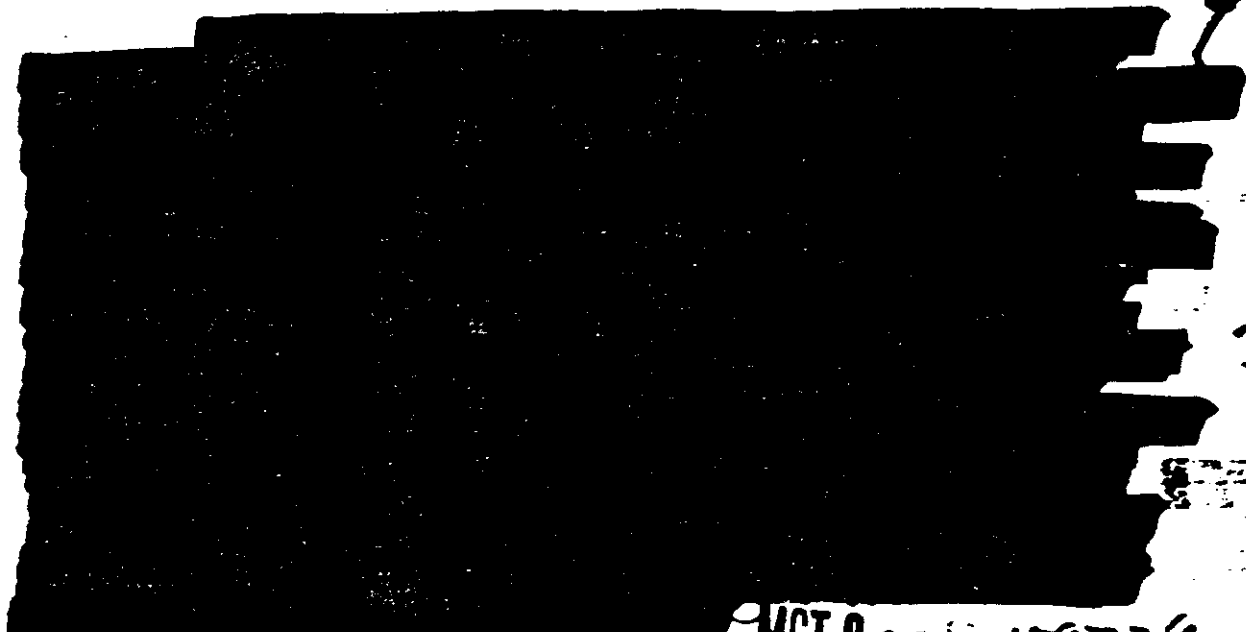
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FROM : R. J. Gallagher

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- 1 - Mr. Dalbey

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ALSO KNOWN AS;
HOWARD R. HUGHES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY

This is to advise of possible violation of the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (ITSP) Statute in connection with the current controversy over the authenticity of a biography of industrialist Howard R. Hughes.



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If, as accounts in the press indicate, this is a confidence scheme concocted with or without the assistance of author Irving, a violation of ITSP would have occurred. (Transportation of \$5,000 or more obtained by fraud in interstate or foreign commerce)

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RE: Unsub, aka
Howard R. Hughes

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OBSERVATIONS: Since this matter is in the civil courts and no complaint has been received by the FBI, it would not appear to be advisable to inject ourselves at this point. It is entirely possible that Hughes, as indicated by the press, could have had second thoughts about the advisability of this biography and could be attempting legal maneuvers to stop its publication. The H. R. Hughes account in Switzerland could be the product of a Hughes employee acting at his instructions. The perpetration of a confidence game is very possible, but successful prosecution would be most difficult without the testimony of Hughes in court, which from his past actions would be most difficult to obtain.

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ACTION: If approved, a cablegram will be dispatched to Legat Bern.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 1/20/72

FROM : J. P. MOHR

SUBJECT: HOWARD ROBARD HUGHES
Fingerprint Inquiry

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[redacted] called me today from Detroit, telephone (313) [redacted] advising that he had an office temporarily near the airport in Detroit, that he was affiliated with Intertel and as such, his organization was representing the interests of Howard Robard Hughes, whom he described as having been born at Houston, Texas, on December 24, 1905.

Howard R.
[redacted] stated that the Hughes interests had gotten access to the documents in the possession of McGraw-Hill and Life Magazine. As a result Hughes representatives will want to conduct appropriate scientific examinations of the documents, including handwriting. He said that they are contemplating the employment of Hilton Ordway as the handwriting examiner. According to Mr. Conrad in the Laboratory, Hilton Ordway has a good reputation as a handwriting examiner.

Without my asking, [redacted] said that they considered former Special Agent Charles Appel and rejected him because he had previously been on the side of former Special Agent Robert Maheu during Maheu's suit against Hughes. [redacted] stated that Appel had testified in the Maheu matter from Xerox copies of documents and apparently fell flat on his face.

[redacted] finally got to the nub of his inquiry and asked specifically if the FBI had any fingerprints in the Bureau's files from Howard Hughes in order that they might use the signatures on these cards in examining the documents from McGraw-Hill and Life Magazine.

I told [redacted] that first of all I did not know whether or not we had any such fingerprints and furthermore if we had them whether we would make them available, that to my knowledge during my entire assignment to the Seat of Government I never heard of the Bureau relinquishing fingerprint cards for the purpose indicated. I told him it would seem to me

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that we would be starting a precedent which would be difficult to stop and that if we gave them to the Hughes interests, naturally the McGraw-Hill and Life Magazine interests would also want access to the fingerprints. I told him furthermore we had no way of knowing whether a specific set of prints in our files were identical with the Howard Robard Hughes in whom he had an interest. I said the best we could come up with would be a "may be" identical. I also told him if we had any criminal fingerprints we were merely the repository of such prints and the original set of such prints would usually be found in the hands of the contributor. I asked him if Hughes had been questioned as to whether he had ever been arrested and he said that Hughes indicated he had been fingerprinted by [REDACTED] recalled, the Los Angeles Police Department in 1936 in connection with an automobile accident. I asked him why he did not check with the Los Angeles Police Department and get their copy of the prints. He said they were doing that. I also asked him why he did not get current handwriting specimens from Howard Hughes to be used by the handwriting experts and he said they had such handwriting exemplars currently from Howard Hughes but that to clinch the case they needed third party sources that were known to be previously in existence and could be positively identified as those of Howard Hughes. I asked him how he would prove that any fingerprints he might get from us would be identifiable with Howard Hughes and he said if the prints indicated who took them, they would call on the person who took the prints to come in and testify as to their validity. b7c

[REDACTED] told me for our confidential information that on the basis of information which has been developed during their investigation of the whole matter, the documents in the possession of McGraw-Hill and Life Magazine are a hoax, a complete forgery, that Howard Hughes never had anything to do with these documents. He pointed out that the author of the proposed autobiography of Hughes lives on some Island somewhere and that he had previously prepared an autobiography of an artist who was a great forger of Rembrandt paintings and the author allegedly sent a copy of this autobiography to Hughes and that Hughes was so impressed that he suggested the author some day prepare his, Hughes, autobiography. b7c

A check of our identification records reflects that we have three fingerprint cards on Howard Robard Hughes, who was born December 24, 1905 at Houston, Texas, and appears to be identical with the subject in question.

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The earliest print is actually a photograph of the original, which was submitted to the FBI by the Los Angeles Police Department and recorded July 18, 1936 in the Identification Division. This card reflects that Howard R. Hughes was arrested on July 12, 1936 at Los Angeles on Susp 500 VC (negligent homicide) (4136-Wallace-7). The signature appearing on this print is "H. R. Hughes."

We have two National Defense Program fingerprint cards, the first one from the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Washington, D. C., which was recorded April 2, 1942. This card does not show the date the impressions were taken, nor does it indicate the identity of the individual taking the fingerprint impressions. The card does not show the purpose for which the prints were taken.

The third set was submitted by the Commanding General, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C. and reflect that Hughes was an applicant for the position of pilot and the date impressions were taken was June 25, 1942 by someone whose name appears to be W. C. Smith.

I am not a handwriting expert but it does appear that the signatures appearing on these three cards are the same and apparently were written by the same person.

[redacted] would like to borrow the originals of these three cards but actually we only have the original of two of them. I am sure that [redacted] is aware of the fact that Hughes has been fingerprinted in the past on National Defense Program fingerprint cards and as I previously indicated he is aware of the fact that Hughes was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department.

I think we should tell [redacted] that we do have a photographic copy of the arrest print from the Los Angeles Police Department indicating the arrest of Hughes on July 12, 1936 and suggest he may want to get the original from the Los Angeles Police Department. I think we should also tell him that we have two National Defense fingerprint cards and that such fingerprint cards are not available for the purpose he desires.

I should note here that [redacted] is aware of the fact that we may turn down his request but his group is prepared to take the matter up with the Attorney General to try to get access to the cards. I still think we should handle the matter as indicated.

No. [redacted] is with a private detective agency & should be given nothing.

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was advised according to that we credited [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION

If you agree, I will call [REDACTED] at the telephone number indicated in Detroit and advise him accordingly.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the matter involving the disputed biography of Howard R. Hughes. It had previously been recommended and approved that the Bureau not become involved in this investigation unless a complaint was received from a party of interest.

Attached teletype advises that on 1/25/72 the attorney for the author contacted the New York Office and advised of the background concerning the author's dealing with the alleged Hughes. On the same day representatives of McGraw-Hill, the publisher, and Time - Life Magazine together with representatives from the New York County District Attorney's Office appeared at the office of U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York (SDNY) and sought Federal assistance in this case. The Chief of the Criminal Division, SDNY, has advised that a Fraud by Wire violation or Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (ITSP) violation exists if in fact the real Howard Hughes did not receive the \$650,000 worth of checks which were sent from New York to Switzerland. He noted that local District Attorney's Office and postal authorities have a jurisdictional interest but stated he believed the FBI was best suited to handle this complex and highly sensitive investigation.

New York Office recommends that ITSP investigation be immediately instituted. In view of the obvious civil as well as criminal aspects of this matter the Department will be consulted to determine if FBI investigation is desired.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JAN 25 1972

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT ALSO KNOWN AS
DMS-08, AKA HELGA HUGHES, HOWARD HUGHES, H. R. HUGHES;
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
LISP - FBW. Fraud by Wire

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[Redacted]
New York Office
AVE., NYC, VOLUNTARILY APPEARED AT THE NYO AND FURNISHED
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION;

[Redacted]
FOR THE AUTHOR CLIFFORD IRVING. IRVING HAD AUTHORED
A SUCCESSFUL BOOK "FAKE". IN EARLY NINETEEN SEVENTY
ONE IRVING SENT A COPY OF THIS BOOK GRATUITOUSLY MAILED
TO HOWARD HUGHES, CARE OF DESERT INN, LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA. HUGHES HAD BEEN A FRIEND OF IRVING'S FATHER,
JAY IRVING, WHO WAS A WELL-KNOWN CARTOONIST FOR

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COLLIERS MAGAZINE. CLIFFORD IRVING FOUND HUGHES'S NAME
ON A LIST OF NAMES PREPARED BY HIS FATHER JAY, WHO SHOULD
RECEIVE FREE COPIES OF IRVING'S BOOKS. IRVING SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED
A HAND WRITTEN LETTER PURPORTEDLY FROM HOWARD HUGHES ON YELLOW
PAD PAPER THANKING HIM FOR THE COPY OF "FAKE" IN THE
EXCHANGE OF HANDWRITTEN LETTERS THAT FOLLOVED HUGHES

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MR. ROSEN FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ASKED IRVING IF HE WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE A BIOGRAPHY OF HUGHES. IRVING AGREED. IRVING THEN RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS FROM HUGHES IN IBIZA, SPAIN, WHERE IRVING RESIDES. IRVING DOES NOT KNOW THE ORIGIN OF THESE CALLS. A MEETING WAS ARRANGED AND ON FEBRUARY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE, IRVING MET THE ALLEGED HUGHES IN OAXACA, MEXICO. IRVING RECOGNIZED HUGHES BY HIS GENERAL APPEARANCE. IRVING MET HUGHES ONCE WHEN IRVING WAS ABOUT NINE YEARS OLD. IRVING WAS TAKEN TO THIS MEETING BY AN EMISSARY OF HUGHES KNOWN ONLY AS PEDRO. BETWEEN THIS MEETING AND DECEMBER SEVENTH, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE, IRVING MET THE PURPORTED HUGHES ON ELEVEN DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. MEETINGS WERE IN MEXICO, PUERTO RICO, NASSAU, BAHAMAS, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, PARADISE ISLAND, NASSAU, BAHAMAS, KEY BISCAYNE, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

AT ONLY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS DOES IRVING HAVE A WITNESS ONE RICHARD SUSKIND, A RESEARCHER EMPLOYED BY IRVING. THIS MEETING AT PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, JUNE

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TWELVE, NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE. IN AGREEMENT WITH HUGHES
ON THE PREPARATION AND SALE OF HUGHES' S BIOGRAPHY

IRVING DELIVERED THREE CHECKS TOTALLING SIX HUNDRED FIFTY
PERSONALLY
THOUSAND DOLLARS ~~PERSONALLY~~ TO THE MAN HE KNEW AS HUGHES.

A CASHIER'S CHECK FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE BANKERS TRUST
COMPANY, NEW YORK, DATED APRIL FIFTEEN, SEVENTY ONE,

IS PAYABLE TO H.R. HUGHES. A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED

SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, DATED SEPTEMBER TWENTY

SECOND, SEVENTY ONE, DRAWN ON THE ACCOUNT OF THE MC GRAV

HILL, INC., AT CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, THREE THIRTY WEST FORTY

SEVENTH ST., PAYABLE TO H.R. HUGHES. A SECOND MC GRAV

HILL CHECK, DRAWN ON CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, FOR THREE

HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, IS DATED DECEMBER

SECOND, SEVENTY ONE, AND IS PAYABLE H. R. HUGHES. b7D

STATES THAT ENDORSEMENTS ON THESE CHECKS INDICATE THEY

WERE ~~NEGOTIATED~~ NEGOTIATED AT THE SWISS CREDIT BANK, ZURICH, SWITZERLAND.

THEY ARE ENDORSED H. R. HUGHES. BANKERS TRUST CASHIER'S

CHECK FOR FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS PERSONALLY HANDED

BY IRVING TO HUGHES APRIL TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTY ONE, IN

NASSAU, BAHAMAS. MC GRAV HILL CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED

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SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PERSONALLY HANDED TO HUGHES BY IRVING SEPTEMBER TWENTY THIRD, SEVENTY ONE, IN KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA. MC GRAY MILL CHECK FOR THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS GIVEN BY IRVING TO REPRESENTATIVE OF HUGHES, GEORGE GORDON HOLMES, DECEMBER THIRD, SEVENTY ONE, MIAMI, FLORIDA. AFTER DELIVERY OF THIS CHECK HUGHES PERSONALLY MET IRVING AND TOLD HIM HE HAD RECEIVED THE CHECK FROM HOLMES.

[REDACTED] FURNISHED TWENTY TWO PAGE AFFIDAVIT SETTING FORTH DETAILS OF THE ABOVE EVENTS. THIS AFFIDAVIT WAS PREPARED [REDACTED] TO BE USED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK COUNTY, TO DEFEND THE SUIT BY ROSEMONT ENTERPRISES, AGAINST CLIFFORD IRVING AND OTHERS TO STOP THE PUBLICATION OF THE HUGHES'S BIOGRAPHY. b7D

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
AUSA ROBERT MORVILLO, CHIEF, CRIMINAL DIVISION,
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
SDNY, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM

MC GRAY MILL, TIME LIFE MAGAZINE, AND NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE VISITED HIM ON JANUARY TWENTY FIFTH. FOUR LAST SEEKING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.

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AUSA NORVILLO BELIEVES FBI BEST SUITED TO HANDLE THIS COMPLEX, HIGHLY SENSITIVE INVESTIGATION INDICATING HOWEVER THAT BOTH LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND POSTAL AUTHORITIES ALSO HAVE JURISDICTIONAL INTERESTS. NORVILLO EMPHASIZED THAT A DEFINITE ITSP OR FRAUD BY WIRE SITUATION EXISTS IF IN FACT THE REAL HOWARD HUGHES DID NOT RECEIVE THE CHECKS IN THAT APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF CHECKS PAYABLE TO H. R. HUGHES WERE TRANSFERED FROM NEW YORK CITY TO SWITZERLAND. ACCORDINGLY HE RECOMMENDS FBI INVESTIGATION.

BASED ON THIS, NEW YORK RECOMMENDS THAT ITSP INVESTIGATION BE IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED. COPY OF AFFIDAVIT FURNISHED BY AUTHOR IRVING AS WELL AS OTHER PERTINENT MATERIAL FURNISHED NYO WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU.

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CC-LR BATES

Zurich Police Said to Ask F.B.I. To Talk to Irvings in Bank Case

Investigator Reported to Suggest Queries About \$650,000 in Hughes Affair— Lawyer Also Seeks F.B.I. Role

By CLYDE H. FARNSWORTH

Special to The New York Times

ZURICH, Switzerland, Jan. 27—Police sources said today that Lieut. Willi Ulrich has asked the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation to interview Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Irving in connection with the Hughes affair investigation into the deposit and withdrawal, by persons unknown, of \$650,000 from McGraw-Hill, Inc.

The sources said that Lieutenant Ulrich, head of the Fraud Squad of the Zurich Canton Police, had formulated questions for F.B.I. agents to ask the Irvings, who arrived in New York by plane yesterday from Spain. They live on the Balearic island of Ibiza.

The questions reportedly formulated by Lieutenant Ulrich were not disclosed.

The police sources also said that Lieutenant Ulrich, who announced on Tuesday that he wanted to see Mrs. Irving in Zurich, had requested that the Spanish police detain Mrs. Irving for questioning. Spanish authorities said yesterday in Madrid that they know nothing of such a request.

Lieutenant Ulrich said at a news conference Tuesday that he needed "massive" assistance from the American police in trying to crack the case of the mysterious woman, identified as a forged passport as Helga M. Hughes, who deposited checks totaling \$650,000 in a Swiss bank and, after the checks had cleared, withdrew the money.

Made Out to H.R. Hughes

The checks had been made out to H.R. Hughes by McGraw-Hill. The New York publishing house had thought it was paying the money to Howard H. Hughes, the industrialist, for material provided for "The Autobiography of Howard Hughes," which McGraw-Hill was planning to publish in March.

Irving Mrs. prepared the work with Mr. Hughes's active collaboration. The billionaire recluse denies knowing meeting or ever working with the expatriate American author.

According to Zurich reporters who interviewed Mr. Irving on Ibiza, the author offered to take a lie detector test in the United States to establish his credibility.

He asserts that he met with Mr. Hughes over an extended period to prepare the manuscript and that he handed two of the three checks to Mr. Hughes personally. The third, the author says, was given to a Hughes associate, George Gordon Holmes.

Lieutenant Ulrich, a stocky, cigar-chomping officer with piercing blue eyes, has said that the most important thing is to determine whether Mr. Hughes had a hand in preparing the manuscript.

The signed both checks in the presence of bank officials.

Yesterday, Richard Gerstein, the State Attorney in Dade County, Fla. (the Greater Miami area), said that "we are cooperating with United States postal inspectors in this case."

"Today, we have made available to them records which we have subpoenaed," he said. "Our interest lies in finding whether or not any fraud was committed in Dade County."

Among the records, it was learned, were those of the Beachcomber Motel in Pompano Beach, when Mr. Irving and his researcher, Richard Gerstein, say they stayed from Oct. 26 to Sept. 18 and there meetings occurred.

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Calls to Spain and Nassau

The other records were those from the Sonesta Beach Hotel in Key Biscayne, where Mr. Irving said he met Mr. Hughes on the night of Sept. 22.

The records from the Beachcomber Motel show that Mr. Irving and Mr. Suskind made nine telephone calls, including two to Spain and one to Nassau. Mr. Hughes now makes his home on Paradise Island in Nassau.

The records show that the two calls to Spain went to the island of Ibiza, where both men make their homes. One call cost \$35.47, the other \$21.12.

Mr. Irving and Mr. Suskind also sent two telegrams to Ibiza during their stay at the Beachcomber.

As for any investigation of the case by the F.B.I., the official response to inquiries was "no comment."

Mitchell Speculates

Yesterday morning, however, on the National Broadcasting Company's "Today" television show, Attorney General John N. Mitchell, asked if the Government was getting involved in the Hughes case, responded:

"I think that it's quite conceivable that some of the preliminary investigations that we have made with respect to it might lead us into it on the basis that Federal crimes have been committed."

Asked "what crime?" he replied: "Well, until we complete the investigation, we may not know, but obviously, if there has been the passage in interstate commerce of funds that have been stolen or obtained under other than legal circumstances, there may very well be a circumstance where the Federal Government—"

The interview turned to other matters.

Mr. Irving was ordered yesterday to appear in court today in a case involving another book. He is the defendant in a \$35-million suit filed by Swiss art dealer, Fernand Legros, who says he was defamed by Mr. Irving's book "Fake!"

Judge Edward T. McCaffrey, in Manhattan Supreme Court, rejected a delay sought by Mr. Irving's attorneys, who said Mr. Irving had laryngitis.

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Lawyer Asks F.B.I. Entry
 By DOUGLAS ROBINSON
 Martin S. Ackerman, Mr. Irving's attorney, said here yesterday that the novelist had not been interviewed by agents of the F.B.I. although the lawyer had urged the agency to enter the case.

"We haven't got the money and we'd like to see this thing settled," Mr. Ackerman said.

The attorney said he had asked both the F.B.I. and the United States Postal Service to enter the case. The F.B.I., he said, told him that any decision would have to be made at a "higher level." The postal authorities have made no response, Mr. Ackerman said.

However, it was learned in Miami that postal inspectors were already working on the case from the standpoint of possible mail fraud. One check made out to H. R. Hughes, Mr. Irving has said, was given by him to a "trusted" Hughes aide—identified as George Gordon Holmes—in the Miami area. The endorsed check, for \$325,000, was received in the mail by the Swiss Credit Bank in Zurich.

According to Mr. Irving, the two checks, totaling \$325,000, were given to Mr. Hughes by the author. They were deposited in the Zurich bank by the mysterious "H.R. Hughes."

What about this?

CLIFFORD IRVING

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates *Bates*

DATE: January 31, 1972

FROM : R. J. Gallagher *RJ*

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Nehrbass
- 1 - Mr. Felt
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- 1 - Mr. R. S. Miller

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Our New York Office advised that on January 25, 1972, ~~Martin S. Ackerman~~, the attorney for the author, Clifford Irving, requested an interview and at that time furnished the affidavit that Irving had filed in the New York court in connection with the civil action arising out of the Hughes biography. He also furnished some background information concerning Irving's alleged contacts with Hughes. New York also advised that a complaint had been made in this matter by McGraw-Hill, the publishers, and Time-Life, to the U. S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York.

This entire matter was discussed with the Department of Justice on 1/26/72, who advised that postal authorities had instituted investigation on a Mail Fraud theory and that since they had assumed investigative responsibility, no action need be taken by the FBI.

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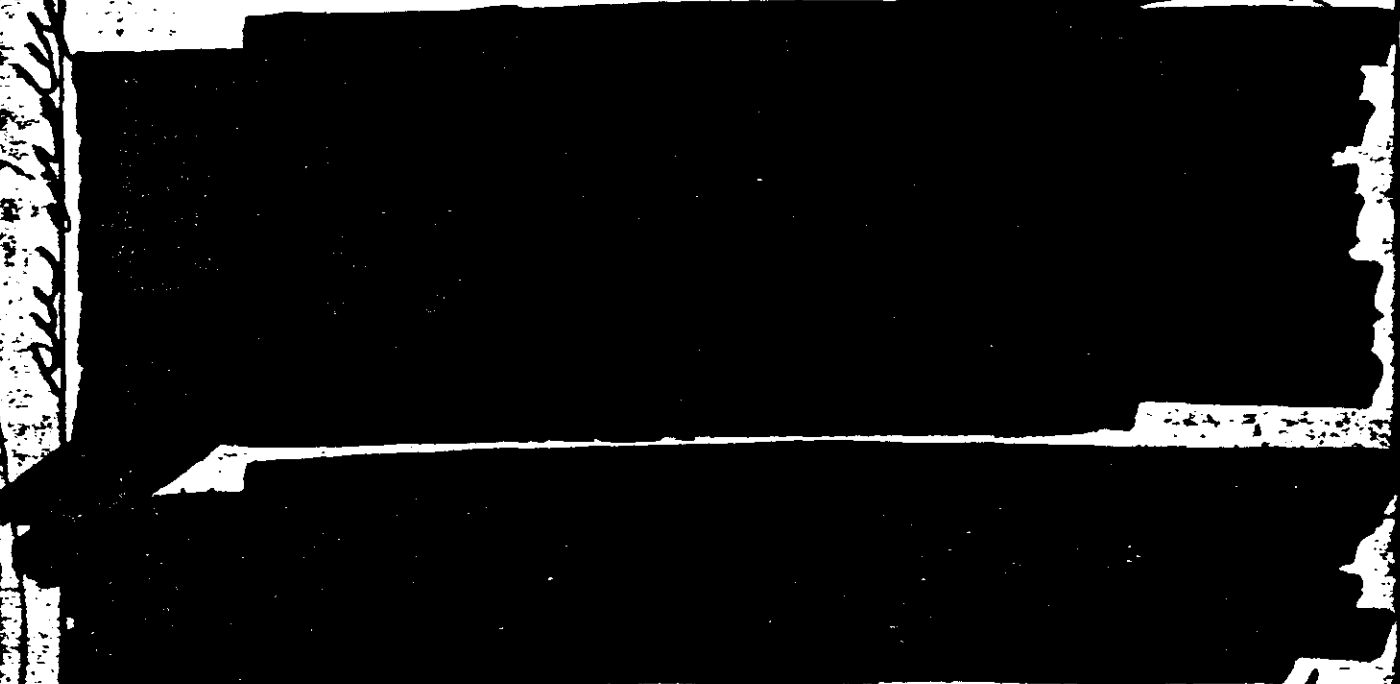
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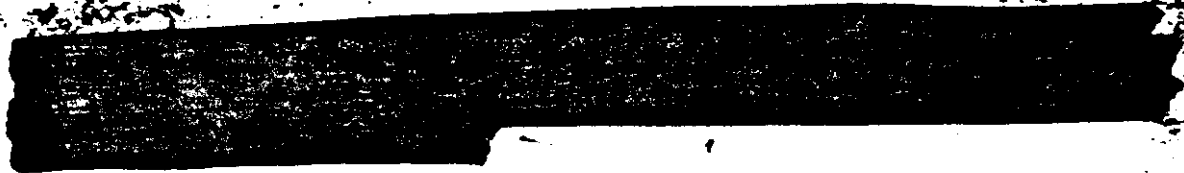
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Swiss Charge Irvings With Criminal Fraud

NEW YORK, Jan. 31 (UPI)—Swiss authorities issued arrest warrants today for Clifford Irving and his wife, Edith, on charges of criminal fraud while the author of Howard Hughes' disputed "autobiography" stayed off appearance before two grand juries in New York.

The Zurich district attorney's office said the warrants were obtained by police because of "urgent suspicion of fraud, falsification of official documents, and instigation of these crimes." The Justice Department in Washington would have to decide whether the Irvings, both of New York, should be extradited to Switzerland.

Meanwhile, U.S. Attorney William North Seymour and New York County District Attorney Frank E. Hogan conducted possible federal charges of wire and mail fraud.

and state charges of fraud and perjury against Irving.

The warrants were issued after Zurich authorities located \$442,000 in cash and other valuables at a local branch of the Swiss Bank Corporation and ordered them held there. Zurich District Attorney Peter Veletti said the Swiss franc account was opened on May 27, 1971, and a safety deposit box was rented later by a woman probably identical with Edith Irving.

The money presumably was what was left of \$500,000 deposited by Mrs. Irving, using the name Helga R. Hughes in the Swiss Credit Bank last year, then withdrawn in tranches and redeposited in the Swiss Bank Corporation. She used the name of Hanna Rosenberg in when the second account, Veletti said.

IRVING IRVING

The \$250,000 was received by Irving, who claimed he collaborated personally with Hughes on writing the autobiography, from the McGraw-Hill Book Co. for transmittal to the reclusive billionaire as an advance payment on royalties. Irving reportedly claims Hughes instructed him to bank the money in Switzerland for a fee of \$100,000.

The arrest warrant for Irving was issued under the name Heinz Dieter Irving, which Veletti said is the author's real name.

Irving's new attorney, Maurice Nessen, won postponement

of interrogation of Irving by a New York County grand jury so that he and Irving would have more time to discuss the details of the case. No new date was set.

The writer also was under subpoena for questioning by a federal grand jury. He appeared with Nessen at the U.S. Attorney's office to consult with Robert G. Morville, chief assistant in charge of the criminal division, and won another indefinite postponement.

(In Albuquerque, N.M., a former Hughes aide was quoted by acquaintances as saying he had received a subpoena from the FBI.

The subpoena, according to other sources, ordered John H. Meier, 28, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senator from New Mexico, to appear Thursday before the federal grand jury in New York.

Meier has denied knowing Irving or having any connection with the purported autobiography. He told the Los Angeles Times that he had not been in contact with anyone in the Hughes empire since 1967.

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Postal Service that he volun-
tarily return to New York to
answer questions before the
federal grand jury.

Postal inspectors entered
the camp last week to ascertain
whether international mail
had been used to perpetrate a
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vestigation, how \$650,000 worth
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My checks intended for
Hughes were sent to Switzer-
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them under the name of Helga
R. Hughes.

The Columbia Broadcasting
System said Sunday night that
when Irving's wife redpositioned

the \$650,000 in cash in the sec-
ond Zurich bank she used a
West German identity card
bearing the Rosenkranz name.
The network said the real
Hanna Rosenkranz is married
to Mrs. Irving's former hus-
band.



Author Clifford Irving speaks to newsmen at U.S. Attorney's office in New York.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bates *Bo*

FROM : R. J. Gallagher *RJG*

SUBJECT: CLIFFORD IRVING AND OTHERS
MAIL FRAUD

DATE: February 2, 1972

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Bates
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
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- 1 - Mr. Bishop

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This is the case involving the controversial biography of Howard Hughes. The Postal Service is conducting investigation on a Mail Fraud theory and a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York has issued subpoenas.

Newspaper accounts state that John H. Meier of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator, "had received a subpoena from the FBI" to appear Thursday before the Federal Grand Jury in New York. Our Albuquerque Office advises that this subpoena was served by the Postal Service on January 30, 1972. The FBI has no interest in this subpoena, and this is merely another example of confused newspaper reporting.

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NEW YORK (UPI)--THE INQUIRY INTO POSSIBLE FRAUD INVOLVING THE "AUTOBIOGRAPHY" OF HOWARD HUGHES SPANNED THE ATLANTIC TODAY WITH ARRESTS WARRANTS FOR AUTHOR CLIFFORD IRVING ISSUED IN SWITZERLAND AND THE PROMISE OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION MADE IN THE UNITED STATES. *Mrs. Clifford Irving*

IN ZURICH THE SITUATION WAS MORE SERIOUS FOR IRVING, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND HIS SWISS-BORN WIFE EDITH, 36. OFFICIALS THERE ISSUED ARREST WARRANTS FOR THE COUPLE ON "URGENT SUSPICION OF FRAUD, FALSIFICATION OF OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, AND INVESTIGATION OF THESE CRIMES."

IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE THE COUPLE ARRIVED THURSDAY, U.S. ATTORNEY WHITNEY NORTH SEYMOUR AND NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRANK S. HOGAN CONFERRED ON POSSIBLE FEDERAL CHARGES OF WIRE AND MAIL FRAUD AND STATE CHARGES OF FRAUD AND PERJURY AGAINST IRVING.

ZURICH DISTRICT ATTORNEY PETER VELEFF SAID TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE ISSUED THE ARREST WARRANTS THEY NEEDED THE COOPERATION OF U.S. POLICE TO SOLVE THE "AUTOBIOGRAPHY MYSTERY."

"SINCE PART OF THE SUSPECTED CRIME WAS CARRIED OUT IN ZURICH, BUT THE EFFECTS --THE ACTUAL DAMAGES --OCCURRED IN THE UNITED STATES TO MCGRAW-HILL, WE BELIEVE THAT BOTH ZURICH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INVESTIGATION," SAID VELEFF.

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 to Bates etc.
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HIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED POLICE INVESTIGATIONS WHICH TURNED UP \$442,000 IN CASH AND SECURITIES IN A BRANCH OF THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION.

THE BANK, ONE OF SWITZERLAND'S LARGEST, IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE SWISS CREDIT BANK, WHERE IRVING'S WIFE CASHED \$650,000 IN CHECKS ISSUED TO HUGHES.

BY IRVING'S OWN ADMISSION, HIS WIFE USED THE NAME "HELGA R. HUGHES" ON A FALSIFIED SWISS PASSPORT AS IDENTIFICATION FOR CASHING THE CHECKS, BY THE PUBLISHING FIRM MCGRAW-HILL TO HUGHES FOR THE RIGHTS TO HIS "AUTOBIOGRAPHY."

IRVING SAID SHE DID SO ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BILLIONAIRE RECLUSE, WITH WHOM HE ALSO SAID HE COLLABORATED IN WRITING THE BOOK. HOWEVER, HUGHES HAS ISSUED DENIALS OF IRVING'S STATEMENTS.

VELEFF SAID POLICE INVESTIGATION HERE MONDAY SHOWED THAT A WOMAN, WHO WAS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH THE SUSPECT EDITH IRVING, OPENED AN ACCOUNT WITH THE SWISS BANK CORPORATION ON MAY 27, 1971.

THIS DATE IS CLOSE TO THE TIME WHEN THE FIRST MCGRAW-HILL CHECK WAS CASHED AT THE SWISS CREDIT BANK.

VELEFF SAID HE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ASK FOR EXTRADITION OF THE IRVINGS TO SWITZERLAND.

THE WRITER, WHO SPENT THE WEEKEND IN SECLUSION IN CONNECTICUT, WAS TO HAVE APPEARED BEFORE A GRAND JURY MONDAY FOR QUESTIONING BUT WON POSTPONEMENT OF THE INTERROGATION SO THAT HE AND HIS NEW LAWYER, MAURICE NESSEN, WOULD HAVE MORE TIME TO GO OVER THE DETAILS OF THE CASE. NO NEW DATE WAS SET.

LATER IRVING AND NESSEN MET WITH SEYMOUR'S STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY.

THEY HAD "NO COMMENT" WHEN THEY LEFT BUT SEYMOUR AND HOGAN ISSUED THEIR STATEMENT PROMISING "A JOINT INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER, LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE STATE AND FEDERAL VIOLATIONS."

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Date: 2/3/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (163-2646) (RUC)

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Helga Hughes
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Re Paris airtel 1/31/72 and Bucab 1/26/72.

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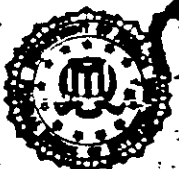
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 3, 1972

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/8/72

FROM: LEGAT, MADRID (163-210) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CLIFFORD IRVING
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Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are one copy each of Department of State telegrams dated 2/2/72 and 2/4/72 and American Embassy, Madrid, Spain, telegrams dated 2/4/72 and 2/5/72 regarding subject.

Numerous telephone calls and inquiries have been received by our office regarding subject. Callers are being informed that we have no information regarding subject and that we are not involved in any way regarding investigation into IRVING's activities.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (87-0) *Jack*
SUBJECT: UNSUB, aka?
Howard R. Hughes
MAIL FRAUD

Re Bureau teletype, 1/26/72.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of affidavits pertinent to captioned matter. This material is furnished for Bureau review in event subsequent Bureau investigation is requested.

Copies of these documents have been furnished to Postal authorities at New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/29/72

FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, PARIS *[Redacted]* (RUC)

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/21/72

FROM : Legat, Bern (163-2441) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: EDITH MARGRITH IRVING, nee Edith Margrith Sommer,
aka Mrs. Clifford M. Irving, Edith Margrith Rosenkranz

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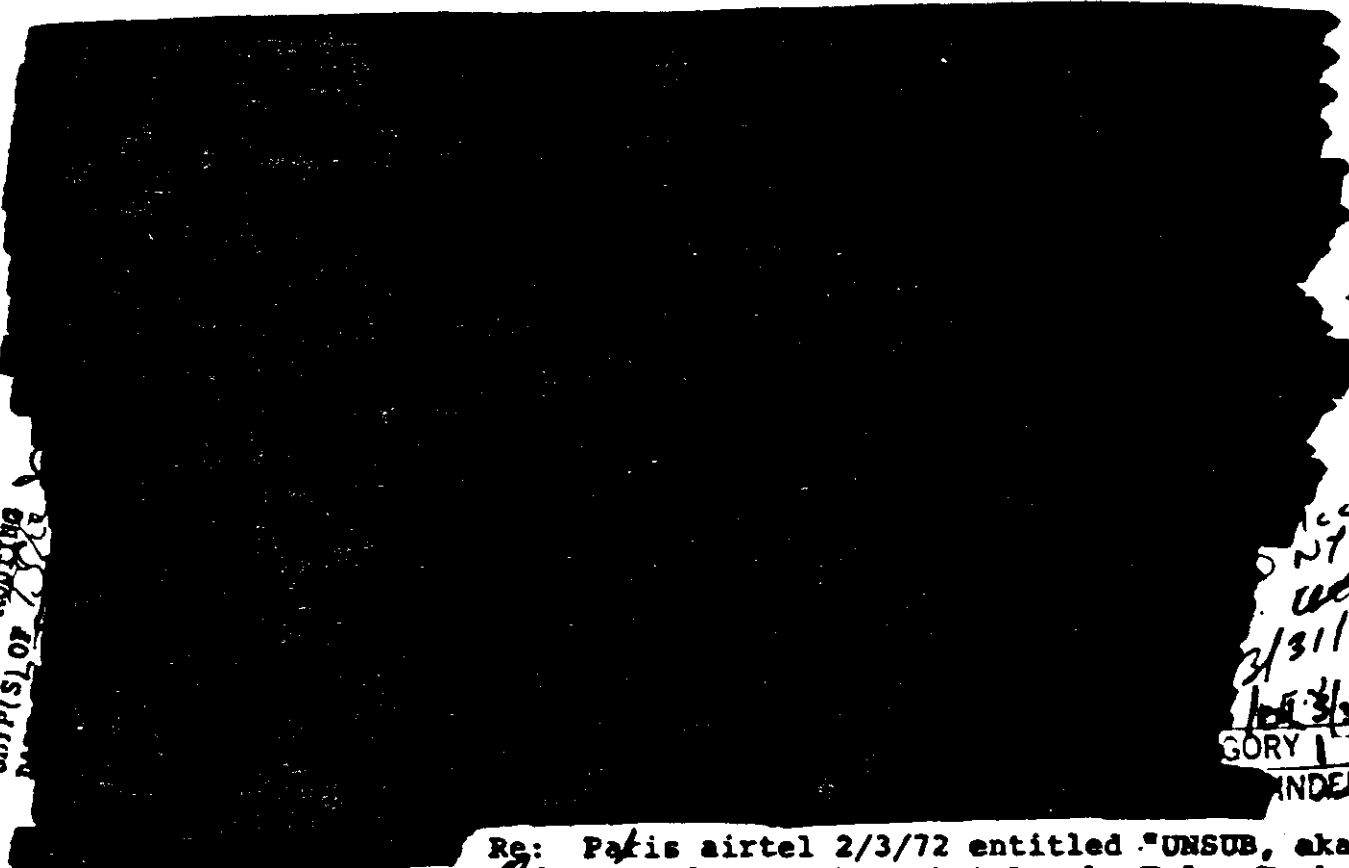
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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/30/72

FROM : Legat, Bern (163-2441) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CLIFFORD MICHAEL IRVING; *Sommer*
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aka Mrs. Clifford M. Irving, Edith Margrith Rosenkranz
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Bern letter dated 3/21/72.

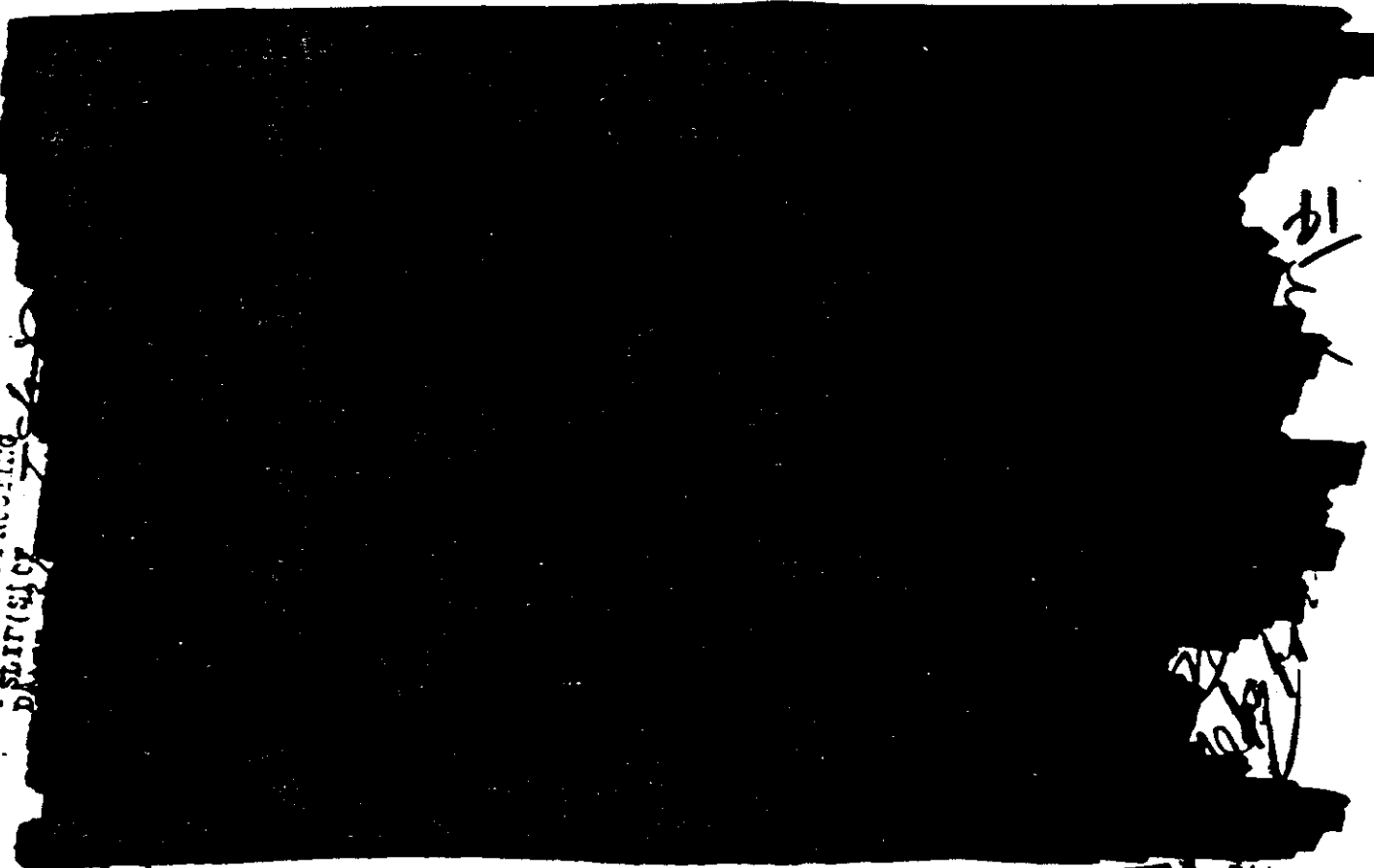
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ARREST RECORD IN FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

TO : Director, FBI

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DATE: 4/28/72

FROM : Legat, Bern (163-2441) (P)

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SUBJECT: *CLIFFORD MICHAEL IRVING;
EDITH MARGRITH IRVING, nee Edith Margrith Sommer,
aka Mrs. Clifford Michael Irving

Re

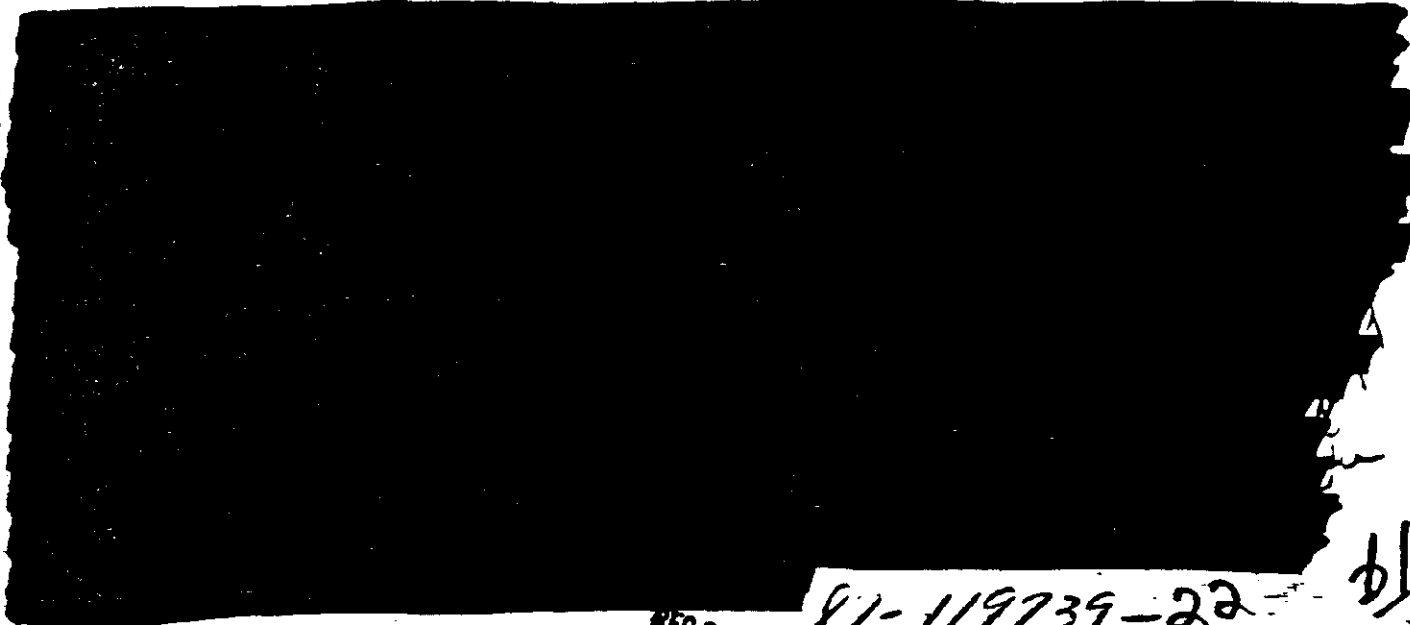
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Letterhead Memorandum dated

Communication dated

April 24, 1972

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
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Refer to previous Bureau cablegrams sent to you. No additional pertinent information.

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cc + return to Dept Bern
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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/13/72

FROM : Legat, Bern (163-2441) (~~SECRET~~)

CLIFFORD MICHAEL IRVING;
SUBJECT: EDITH MARGRITH IRVING, aka
PFC

Re

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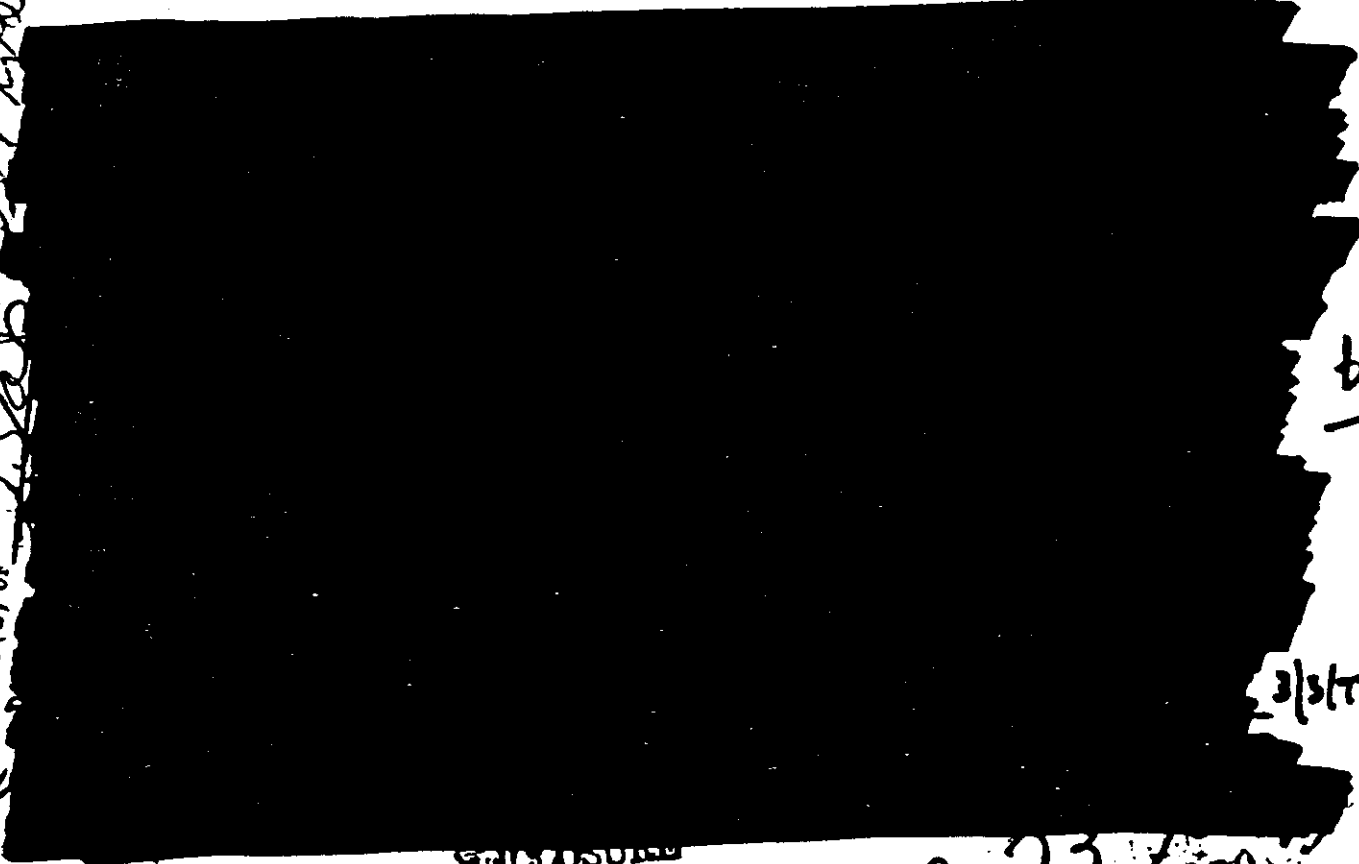
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1 - Mr. Devine
1 - Mr. [unclear]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20226

October 2, 1972

Attention: Mr. Norman T. Buselmeier

Re: Howard Hughes,
D.O.B. 12/24/05;
Handwriting Examination

L. Patrick Gray
L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

YOUR NO. **INV.20.010**

FBI FILE NO.

Examination requested by: Addressee

LAB. NO. **D-720928037 YH**

Reference: Letter dated 9/27/72

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Q1 Form bearing heading Private Aircraft Inspection Report
for Plane No. N123H bearing signature "H. Hughes" on
Line 7

Clifford Michael Evans

Result of examination:

Due to the limited nature of the questioned signature on Q1 and because of the differences in time in the preparation of the questioned signature and available known signatures, a definite conclusion could not be reached whether the questioned signature on Q1 was prepared by HOWARD ROBERT HUGHES, whose available known handwriting consists of signatures appearing on fingerprint cards.

It is noted that a few hand printing characteristics in common were noted in the hand printing after the Hughes signature on Line 7 and the hand printing on Line 8 of Q1 indicating the possibility that one person may have prepared this hand printing.

Q1 has been photographed and is returned herewith. A separate report is being furnished on the requested fingerprint examination of Q1.

- 1 - Bufile (69-89601)
- ① - Bufile (87-119739)

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DUPLICATE YELLOW

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- Quinn _____
- Tele Room _____
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- Mr. Herrig _____
- Mr. Neenan _____

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FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT _____ Howard Robard Hughes _____

FILE NO. _____ 95-179917 _____



THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
BUREAU OF CUSTOMS
WASHINGTON, D.C.



SEP 27 1972

INVEST NO
INV.20.010

The Honorable
L. Patrick Gray III
Acting Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Ivan W. Conrad, Assistant Director

Re: Howard Hughes
D.O.B.: 12/24/05

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telephone conversation on September 22, 1972, between Mr. Norman T. Buselmeier, of my staff, and Mr. Ivan W. Conrad concerning Mr. Howard Hughes.

On August 29, 1972, aircraft number N123H arrived at El Paso, Texas, en route from Vancouver, B.C. Canada, to Managua, Nicaragua. One of the passengers was purported to be Howard Hughes. This individual signed line number 7 of the Customs Private Aircraft Inspection Report as "H. Hughes."

This office is conducting an official investigation in an attempt to establish whether or not the person referred to above was Howard Hughes. In this regard, I am forwarding to you the original of the referenced document in an envelope marked Exhibit Q-1.

A facsimile of the original document is also attached for your examination prior to handling the original. This document has not been previously examined.

In furtherance of our investigation, you are requested to compare the signature on line number 7 of Exhibit Q-1 with any known standards of the signature of Howard Hughes to determine if he was actually the author of the questioned writing.

"COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB"

C.C.B.
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signature only question

Index Lab Files

*When ready to pick up
call Mr. Buselmeier
184-8423
215871*

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REPLY TO: COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

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It is also requested that an attempt be made to develop any latent fingerprints which exist on Exhibit Q-1 and compare such prints with the actual fingerprints of Howard Hughes.

Please return the original document with your reply to the Commissioner of Customs, Office of Investigations.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Harold F. Smith
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Investigations

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **Edward Hughes**
D.O.B. 12/24/05
Handwriting Examination

File # **95-179917-1**
Lab. # **D-720928037 III**

Examination requested by: **Dept. of Treasury, Bureau of Customs**
Examination requested: **Wash. D.C.** Date received: **9/28/72**
Result of Examination: **Document - Fingerprint** Examination by: **Devine**

LFPS to rec. ad. total for
9/29/72

Received by LFPS
9-29-72
T. [Signature]

7/1 returned to LAB
Specimens submitted for examination *10-2*
J.P. Brown

Q1

Form bearing heading **Private Aircraft Inspection Report**
for Plane No. **E123H** bearing signature **H. Hughes** on Line 7

APPLICANT 17037

Name HUGHES / 27 HOWARD BEARD Classification 1501-100
31703
(Leave blank)

No. 61 Color White Sex Male Ref. name (Leave blank)
(Leave blank)

RIGHT HAND				
1 Thumb	2 Index Finger	3 Middle Finger	4 Ring Finger	5 Little Finger

LEFT HAND				
6 Thumb	7 Index Finger	8 Middle Finger	9 Ring Finger	10 Little Finger

10 or 11 Fingers taken simultaneously

Edgar *Howard*
(Applicant name)

Left Hand		Left thumb	Right thumb	Right Hand	

PLEASE DO NOT FOLD THIS CARD

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICANT

STATE AS CRIMINAL INQUIRY

Address 3921 York Ave., Houston, Texas

Birthplace Houston, Texas Citizenship American

Age 36 Date of birth December 24, 1905

Height 6' 3" Weight 170

Hair Brown Eyes Brown

Complexion Fair Build Slender

State and in to TX

Arthur D. Chubb
THE HOUSTON CORPORATION
Police Officers
(Title and official agency)
Los Angeles, Calif.

May 29 1952
(Date impressions taken)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

APPLICANT

Name of contributor COMMANDING GENERAL, U.S. SA ARMY City WASHINGTON State D.C.
(State whether Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or other official designation)

Applicant for Pilot
(Specify position)



Name of company LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP

Date 6-25-42

Address HUGHES AIRCRAFT CO. CULVER CITY, CALIF.
3921 Yoakum, Houston, Texas

Birthplace Houston, Texas Citizenship AMER

Age 36 Date of birth Dec 24, 1905

Height 6'3" Weight 160

Hair dk. brown Eyes brown

Complexion med Build med

Scars and marks small scar over right eyebrow -
scar right leg

APPLICANT

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY: HOWARD HALL, FRIEND, HUGHES AIRCRAFT CO., CULVER CITY, CALIF.

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Name HUGHES HOWARD HOWARD Classification 150 15T OM 22
(Surname) (First) (Middle)
 No. 42-L. A. B. Color WHITE Sex MALE Reference I 17U 50

RIGHT HAND

1. Thumb	2. Index finger	3. Middle finger	4. Ring finger	5. Little finger

LEFT HAND

6. Thumb	7. Index finger	8. Middle finger	9. Ring finger	10. Little finger

Impressions taken by: [Signature]
 Date impressions taken: JUN 25 1947

Note amputations

[Signature]
 Special Agent in Charge

FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY

Left thumb Right thumb

FOUR FINGERS TAKEN SIMULTANEOUSLY

Left hand	Right hand

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4. L.B. MYLER

5. E.J. MARCUS

6. ~~Handwritten signature~~

7. ~~Handwritten signature~~

8. HERWARD EC

9.

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Interceptions

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Inspector

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LABORATORY

Name: <u>WILLIAMS</u>	
Time: <u>5:45 PM</u>	
Date: <u>08-01</u>	
Location:	
Citizenship:	<u>USA</u>

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of the

1 - Mr. Devine
1 - Mr. Gillham



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

October 8, 1972

To: Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20226

Attention: Mr. Norman T. Busalmeier

Re: Howard Hughes,
D.O.B. 12/24/05;
Handwriting Examination

L. Patrick Gray
L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

YOUR NO. INV.20.010

REC-77
FBI FILE NO. 95-179917-1

LAB. NO. D-720928037 IH

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated 9/27/72

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Q1 Form bearing heading "Private Aircraft Inspection Report"
for Plane No. N123H bearing signature "H. Hughes" on
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- Tele. Room
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- Gandy

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Sub. reports & evidence
given to Mr. Busalmeier, Bureau of Customs
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[Handwritten signature]

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[Handwritten signature]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: *Foreign Affairs*
D.O.I. 12/24/65
Handwriting Examination

File # 95-179917-1
Lab. # D-720028037 IT

Examination requested by: Dept. of Treasury, Bureau of Customs
and Excise

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 1/29/72

Result of Examination: *1/29/72*

Examination by: *[Signature]*

*Due to the nature of the sig. Q + diff. in
no of fr sig. + curve to sig. no. and fr sig. by
Howard Robert Hughes above on the contents of sig
on the FP cards*

*It is noted that a few of the specimens were noted as being
genuine signature "H. Hughes" as seen in line 7 and 8 in line 1 of 8
including one from the [unclear] [unclear]*

Specimens submitted for examination

1) Form bearing heading "Private Aircraft Inspection Report"
for plane No. 21207 bearing signature "H. Hughes" on Line 7

to photo & field of [unclear] [unclear]

*gold [unclear] 62-97201
87-119737*

[Faint handwritten notes]

81 H J Hughes

FBI # 2702851

1942 Howard Hughes

1942 Howard Hughes

Feb 1941 J Howard Hughes

HP line 7 GOLF BLD HOUSTON USA

HOWARD ECKERLEY

line 8 DR USA

VI-RC-69

CIVIL AIRCRAFT INSPECTION REPORT

AIR-4-1C

Plane No N123H Make _____ Model _____

Nationality USA Color W & Gold

Pilot R. G. GERCEVICH License No. 1091371

Address 1040 Euclid Santa Monica Calif.

Owner HILTON HOTEL INC

Address 730 S. Michigan Chicago, Ill.

Departure from U. S. Santa Monica Date 8-28 Time 5:15 PM

U. S. Arrival Time 1125 Last Foreign Port Vancouver Hour 0800

Foreign Ports Visited _____

Time Inspection Requested _____

Inspector Travel Time _____ waiting _____ inspection _____

	Name of Passengers	Address	Citizenship
1	R. S. BROWN	Co PILOT	USA Sylmar CALIF.
2	L. F. COLLIN	FLT ENG	USA Hawthorne CALIF.
3	T. H. RICKARD	206 N 220 E	PROVO U.S.A.
4	L. B. MYLER	4897 S. VANISA	SM USA
5	G. J. MARQUAS	4000 SAN JERONIMO	WAS DC USA
6	Jeffrey	508 E ST.	SM USA
7	Wynne	GULF HIGHWAY	LA USA
8	HOWARD ECKERSLEY	5477 KAY DR	LA USA
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

October 2, 1972

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO. A-60092

TO: Mr. Myles J. Ambrose
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs
U. S. Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20226

RE: Attention: Mr. Harold F. Smith
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Investigations

HOWARD HUGHES
LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION

REFERENCE: Letter September 27, 1972
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS: Q1, private aircraft inspection report

The listed Q specimen is described in the Laboratory report, which is being furnished separately and will include the disposition of Q1.

Three latent fingerprints of value for identification purposes were developed on Q1.

The latent prints are not identical with the fingerprints of Howard Robard Hughes, born December 24, 1905, in Houston Texas, FBI #2702351.

EX-116 REC-4b 95-179917-2

Photographs of the latent prints have been prepared
(Continued on next page)

L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director

- Felt
- Mohr
- Boon
- Wooten
- Nease
- Callahan
- Campbell
- Cooper
- Cleveland
- Conrad
- Holby
- Marshall
- Miller, E.J.
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- Tele. Room
- Mr. Keady
- Mr. Armstrong
- Mr. Herwig
- Mr. Noonan

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Mr. Myles J. Ambrose

October 2, 1972

for our files and will be available for any additional comparisons
you may desire.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Recorded: 9/29/72 12:10 p.m. zln Received: 9/29/72
Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Howard Hughes

File # 95-179917-2
Lab. # D-720028037 IH
LC # A-60092

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CONTRIBUTOR # 1 TNV.20.010

Examination requested by ^(address) Mr. Hyles J. Ambrose, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. 20226
Examination requested: Attention: Mr. Harold F. Smith, Assistant Commissioner,
Letter September 27, 1972
Document - Fingerprint
Result of Examination: *Office of Investigation*
9/28/72
(Bureau of Customs)
Examination by: Devine

See Lab's 91 I - 91 to Photo N 9-29 7:40
3 Lab for evidence - N
The add Lab's 201 SN

NOTED BY: W. Brown
[Signature]

*Lab sent to for HOWARD ROBERT HUGHES, born 12-24-05, in
Houston, Texas, FBI # 2702851*

q1 returned to DEVINE in 1-PB for disposition of 4 of Lab rep

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1

Form bearing heading private Aircraft Inspection Report
for Plane No. N123H bearing signature H. Hughes on Line 7

Examination completed

2 P.m.
Time

9-29
Date

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Date

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FILE DESCRIPTION

SUBJECT _____ Howard Robard Hughes

FILE NO. _____ 98-20355

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 20, 1943

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY

CRASH OF HOWARD HUGHES AIRPLANE AT MEAD LAKE, BOULDER DAM, NEVADA, MAY SEVENTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, SABOTAGE. MAKE INQUIRY REGARDING CAUSE OF INSTANT CRASH AND ADVISE BUREAU BY RETURN TELETYPE.

HOOVER

98-20355-1

- Mr. Tolson _____
- Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
- Mr. Clegg _____
- Mr. Glavin _____
- Mr. Ladd _____
- Mr. Nichols _____
- Mr. Rosen _____
- Mr. Tracy _____
- Mr. Carson _____
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- Mr. Hendon _____
- Mr. Kramer _____
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- Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
- Mr. Nease _____
- Miss Gandy _____

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Nease
Miss Gandy

FBI SALT LAKE CITY

5-18-43

3:20 PM

DIRECTOR

VILE. FOR BUREAU INFORMATION HOWARD HUGHES, WORLD RENOWNED FLIER AND HEAD OF HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, AND PARTY CRASHED ON LAKE MEAD, BOULDER DAM, NEVADA, AT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRTY PM SEVENTEENTH INSTANT WHILE COMPLETING TEST FLIGHT OF NEW TYPE OF AMPHIBIAN PLANE MANUFACTURED BY HIS COMPANY. PLANE WAS ATTEMPTING TO LAND WHEN CRASH OCCURRED AND SANK IN SIX HUNDRED FEET OF WATER. HUGHES SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES. OTHER PARTY MEMBERS INCLUDED CHARLES W. VON ROSENBERG, CO PILOT, BADLY INJURED, GENE BLANDFORD, ENGINEER, MINOR INJURIES, RICHARD FELT, FLIGHT MECHANIC, CRITICALLY INJURED AND WILLIAM MORRISON CLINE, CIVIL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITY OF SANTA MONICA, WHO FAILED TO GET FREE OF PLANE AND IS BELIEVED DROWNED. NO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY THIS OFFICE.

ACK AND H NEWMAN
3-20 PM OK FBI WA HIR

see above file

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MAY 21 1943

Called Mr. Timm - mfk
cc - Mr. Timm. 2529

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MAY 20 1943

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

FBI SALT LAKE CITY

5-20-43

8-00 PM

VHC

DIRECTOR

VILE. CRASH OF AIRPLANE PILOTED BY HOWARD HUGHES, LAKE MEAD, NEVADA MAY SEVENTEENTH, FORTY THREE, SABOTAGE. PLANE IN WHICH HUGHES AND PARTY WERE RIDING AT TIME OF CRASH WAS SIKORSKY S FORTY THREE IMPROVED WITH NEW AND RECENT CHANGES DESIGNED BY HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION TO INCREASE LOAD CAPACITY AND WAS ON FINAL TEST RUN BEFORE DELIVERY TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES FOR USE OF ATLANTIC PATROL. THERE WAS NO MOTOR OR BODY STRUCTURE FAILURE. CRASH ~~IS~~ BELIEVED DUE TO INHERENT FAULT OF SIKORSKY S FORTY THREE, THE NOSE OF WHICH IS SAID TO DROP TOO LOW AND TOO FAST ON SLOW APPROACH WHEN LANDING, TOGETHER WITH IMPROPER LOAD DISTRIBUTION. ABOVE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS DETAILED BY HUGHES TO ASSIST IN RECOVERY OF INSTANT PLANE AND INVESTIGATION OF CRASH, HUGHES HAVING RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED] STATES HIS INFORMATION OBTAINED MOSTLY FROM HUGHES, WHO WAS PILOT OF INSTANT PLANE AT THE TIME. [REDACTED] REQUESTS THAT HIS NAME BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. NO EVIDENCE OF SABOTAGE. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY.

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